

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Please insert the following text into the specification before the paragraph heading "1. INTRODUCTION" on line 10 of page 1:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of International Patent Application Ser. No. PCT/US02/28587, filed September 6, 2002, and published in English as WO03/022212 on March 20, 2003, which claims priority as a continuation-in-part of to United States Patent Appl. Ser. No. 09/948,227, filed September 7, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith into the instant specification after the Abstract of the Disclosure on p. 47. The Sequence Listing thus becomes pp. 48-55 of the specification.